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## Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Public Hearings and Meetings May 24-30, 2009

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## **Hearings**

**May 26** - The DNR will hold a public informational hearing on the application of Rocky Mountain Resources for creating a pond and nonmetallic mining adjacent to a tributary to the Big Rib River. The purpose of the informational hearing is to allow the public to learn about the proposed mining and to provide an opportunity for the public to make a written or oral statement about issuance of the proposed permit. The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Halsey Town Hall, 6403 Nehrbass Road, **Athens**. For more information, contact Keith Patrick at (715) 241-7502.

**May 28** - Pursuant to §227.01(3)(b), Wis. Stat., a class 2 contested case public hearing in the matter of whether land located in the Town of Jackson, Burnett County, and owned by Clare Conroy, Dianne Conner and the Robert Hatch Trust, and under Forest Crop Law Contract #07-001-1985 (Case No. IH-09-03), shall continue as Forest Cropland will be held at 8:30 a.m., in Room 165 at the Burnett County Government Center, 7410 County Road K, **Siren**. The hearing may result in the Department of Natural Resources canceling entry of the description of such land as Forest Crop Law Land and ordering withdrawal of such land from the Forest Crop Law Program under §77.10(I) Wis. Stat. The DNR on its own motion has investigated and seeks a hearing to determine whether 80 acres comprising the NW1/4 and NE1/4 of S09, T40N, R15W, Town of Jackson, Burnett County should continue as Forest Cropland under Wis. Stat. § 77.02. For information contact the Division of Hearings and Appeals at (608) 266-7709.

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## Meetings

**May 27 -** The External Advisory Team for the Glacial Heritage Area [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/glacial/] will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Jefferson County Extension Office, 864 Collins Road, **Jefferson** in room #12. At the meeting, the Team will be discussing logistics for the final open house meetings this summer. For more information contact John Pohlman at 608-264-6263.

**May 26-27 -** The State <u>Natural Resources Board</u> [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/] will meet at a location to be announced. <u>NRB meeting agendas</u> [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/agenda.html] are available on the Natural Resources Board Web pages. For more information contact Laurie Ross, Natural Resources Board Liaison at (608) 267-7420.

May 28 – An open house meeting on a draft master plan for the Black River State Forest will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at W10170 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls. The draft plan addresses land management, recreational opportunities and proposed boundary expansions and includes changes that resulted from public comments in 2008. State foresters and other DNR staff will be available to answer questions, provide information and accept public comments. Black River State Forest Master Plan documents can be found online the DNR Web site at [http://dnr.wi.gov/master\_planning/BlackRiver/]. Written comments on the plan should be received by June 20, 2009 and Mailed to Peter Bakken, Black River State Forest, 910 Hwy 54E, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The Black River State Forest, 68,000 acres of pine and oak forests in Jackson and Clark counties, is best known for its hiking and cross country ski trails – along with snowmobile, ATV and horse trails – and offers opportunities for camping, swimming, canoeing, hunting and fishing. The DNR also manages this property for wildlife habitat, native biological diversity, soil and water quality, aesthetics and timber production. The forest was established in 1957. For more information contact Peter Bakken, Black River State Forest superintendent 715-284-1406.

**May 28-29** – The DNR Furbearer Advisory Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday in Room 320 of the Dan Trainer Building (Old College of Natural Resources building) 800 Reserve St., UW-Stevens Point, **Stevens Point**. The first day is primarily reports and updates, followed in the evening by recent research activities. The second day we use all of this information to make decisions/recommendations on such items as harvest quotas, rule proposals, and Wisconsin Conservation Congress resolutions. For information contact John F. Olson, DNR Furbearer Specialist at (715) 685-2934.